

### Business of the House

MR. SPEAKER.—The Business Advisory Committee at a sitting held to-day have recommended that the discussion and voting of the Demands relating to Industries and Sericulture should be concluded today. The discussion and voting of Demands relating to Revenue, Excise and Labour is to be over tomorrow the 30th. The discussion and voting on the Demands relating to Finance Minister and the Appropriation Bill are to be completed on the 31st May. The Committee have also recommended that the House may adjourn *Sine die* on the 31st.

Now the replay by the Hon. Minister for Industries.

#### Demand No. 5, 7, 8, and 53—(Debate Continued)

†SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries).—I am grateful and thankful to the hon. members who have spoken at great length about the working of the Industries Department. I can say from the deliberations that there has been some apprehension in the minds of the hon. members about the infrastructure created by the Government of Karnataka. The Government have taken great care to create proper infrastructure like, water supply, light, land and this has been very well taken care of by the Karnataka Area Development Board. We have also taken care to see that industries flourish in other areas than Bangalore. Many hon. members have spoken about backward areas. Formerly backward areas were declared by the Government of India, namely Mysore, Darwar and Raichur. Now I have suggested that instead of districts, taluks should be considered for declaring as backward areas. To do so, is not in the hands of the State Government but has to be done by the Government of India. So, incentives given for backward areas were only upto March 1979 and we are expecting that a review may be made. Nevertheless, as suggested we have recommended that taluk should be considered for declaring as backward area.

As regard VISL, KAVITA and Karnataka Shipping Corporation, the heavy losses incurred by VISL and KAVITA were due to power cut as they are power based industry. Because of power cut there was set back in those industries. At the same time we have initiated certain enquiries, as already reported to the House, about working and other things. There are a little lapses but I can assure the House that due action will be taken to set right the things. As far as Mysore Paper Mills is concerned, an industry with an one crore investment is proposed to have Rs. 100 crore expansion. One need have no apprehension that just because there is such a large expansion